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A REMONSTRANCE OR DECLARATION

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The Re-Eſtabliſhing and Sitting of the Parliament at Weſtminſter; And the proclaiming thereof on Saturday laſt, by the ſeveral Regiments of Horſe and Foot, at their Rendezvouz in Lincolns-Inne Fields.

With the Names of the Honorable Members of Parliament that have ſecured the Tower of *London*; And the Reſolves of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council at Guild-Hall, in the Name and behalf of the Citizens: As alſo the Names of the New Colonels.

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DECLARATION

RESOLVES
FOR
Good Government;
And a Crown *for* England, *instead of a* Crosse.

A Tyrants Test, and a good Magistrates Pourtraiture, are worthy our contemplation in these froward times; in the one, we may read what our condition had been through God's most righteous severity: had he not graciously interposed in the other what our condition is, and may expect to be through his meer mercy (so interposing. Tyranny makes Earth a Hell, and a Tyrant is a Devil incarnate. Just Government, is a Crown to the People, instead of a Cross, and makes Heaven on Earth. Bad Government, is Hell broke loose, where all would rule, and none be ruled; every mans lust would be every mans law; his wants measured by his will, and his deserts by his desires, which would render men Furies in flesh, and daily Tormenters to themselves and others; and therefore a Parliamentary Government, the onely Remedy, for the Peoples Malady: For note, *Usurpers Tyranny is a Complication of Iniquity; whereby Men* (being Gods in power) *become Devils in practise to terrifie & torture all that withstand them in their wicked Actions.* The tender mercies of Tyrants are cruel; for, he is

a Devil in heart, though a Man in shape; a Lyon in power, and a Bear in practise: From which *Good Lord deliver us.*

And may we not conclude, that the good Hand of Providence, and the Christian Care, indefatigable pains, and unwearied Labours, of the never to be forgotten Members of the famous long Parliament, hath opened the mouthes of Many Saints of different apprehensions, agreeing together as one man, with one Heart and Lip, in prayers and praises to God, for the happy and timely restauration of them, to the Exercise of the great Trust reposed in Them by the people, in these perilous dayes of trouble and desolation, when the Sword began to rage, and many Exorbitant Spirits endeavoured to raise themselves by the ruine of others. But as God is pleased to divert and lay low the Designs of the Haughty, so he raises and lifts up the Hearts of the Lowly: as the lower the Ebbe, the higher the Tide; so his Humiliation shall not exceed his Exaltation, he looks not so much upon his fine Feathers, as his foul Feet, which is ballace to his Bottom, and prevents the danger of his Broad Sails, in the swelling and surging Seas of outward pomp and greatness. Righteousness is the way to Riches; Goodness makes men glorious: May the Wisdom of *Salomon* possess and render our Representatives more glorious, than all the glittering and golden Diadems, either of the greatest Princes or Potentates. The Order of Nature is inverted, when vile men are exalted. It is a foul Incongruity, and of very evil consequence, when *English* men shall turn Apostates; of which we have had both sad and woful Experience, especially in these latter Times.

But the good Hand of Providence having in a most high and wonderful manner appeared in the issue of these late Changes Overturnings, Mutations, and Confusions; and in the midst of our great Fears, Dangers, and Calamities, miraculously to work and point out a signal Deliverance for these distracted languishing, and woful afflicted Nations; by raising up some noble and faithful Patriots, true spirited *English* men, and renowned Assertors of the peoples Rights, Liberties, and Freedoms, standing up in this great Day of *Englands* Tryal and Trouble, even in the very Gap and Gulph of Desolation, threatning the inevitable Ruine of many Thousands, who desired nothing more

more then a true settlement of the publique peace, upon a firm Basis, and irremovable Foundation, of Truth and Righteousness, and to preserve a good Conscience, in casting off these ignominious Reproaches, of breach of Faith to their Representatives.

And thereupon divers Honourable Members of Parliament, being spirited to stand firm for the Interest of this Commonwealth, (being warranted in their present actings, by especial Commission and Authority from the Council of State) unanimously declared their Resolutions and Concurrence, to hazard *All*, even Lives and Fortunes, for restoring of the Parliament and People to their ancient Rights, and undoubted Freedoms: In pursuance whereof, it pleased God to raise up Deliverers, both by Sea and Land, having by admirable providence put an opportunity into the hands of General *Monck*, a most able and experienced Commander of the Parliaments Army; Vice-Admiral *Lawson*, Commander in chief of the Fleet under his immediate Conduct; and Colonel *Whetham*, Governour of *Portsmouth*; whose Actions and Undertakings have been so Honest and Honourable, as that they have given an absolute Check to the Exorbitances of such who have betray'd their Trust, & walked contrary to the Light of Knowledge, in these late and glorious Dispensations, and so to become Instruments of some mens ambitions, by making the good people of *England* their Enemies, and exposing the Nation again to the hazard of a new War and intestine Troubles.

But blessed be God, these Clouds are extinguishing, and the black Vizards of these dark and obscure Tyrannical Streams, begin to run and center in their proper Current: For, not onely Colonel *Riches* Regiment of Horse have deserted the Army, and returned to their former duty of obedience to the Parliament, but also some of Colonel *Berry's* Regiment of Horse, in all Nine Troops; and several Companies of Companies of Colonel *Lago's* Regiment of Foot are gone into *Portsmouth*, marching with Drums beating, and Colours flying, where they declared for the Parliament, and their Resolutions (by the help of GOD) to stand by and assist them with their Lives and Fortunes, and to hazard all that is near and dear unto them, in de-

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defence of the Parliament, and the security, service, and peace of this Commonwealth.

Upon the coming in of the said Nine Troops, and five Companies of Foot, Sir *Arthur Haſlrigg*, Colonel *Morley*, Col. *Walton*, and Colonel *Whetham* (the Governour) sent out a party of Horſe and Foot to make a diſcovery of the remainder part of the Army; and having good intelligence amongſt them, and of their motion, upon their approach near, it pleaſed God the whole party came in, ſome few Officers onely excepted; ſo that the Siege was raiſed, and the Town at liberty, without a drop of bloud.

The Town is very ſtrong, and the Souldiery unanimous, Sir *Arthur* and Col. *Morley* having behaved themſelves very gallantly.

This Weſtern Brigade being ſo providentially reduced to the Obedience of Parliament, 'tis ſaid, that ſeveral Regiments of Horſe and Foot are upon their march from *Portſmouth* toward *London* under the Conduct of Sir *Arthur Haſlrigg*, and other faithful Commanders; and that there are four Troops of Horſe, and four Companies of Foot raiſed in the Iſle of *Wight*, for the ſervice of the Parliament: beſides, it is aſcertain'd, that two Troops of Horſe, and two Companies of Foot in the ſaid Iſland, have alſo revolted from the Army; and likewiſe *Carisbrook* Caſtle *Hurſt* Caſtle, and all the reſt of the Caſtles thereabouts, except *Cowes* Caſtle, which is blocked up, and a ſpeedy reducement thereof is ſuddainly expected.

For the carrying on of this great Work ſo happily begun, and for a timely deliverance of theſe almoſt deſtroyed Nations, it is the Duty of every Engliſh man to aſſiſt, that Poſterity may be happy under a Succeſſion of Parliamentary Authority, derived from a Civil, rather than a Military Foundation, from whence floweth nothing but unlimited and arbitrary ſtreams. In order whereunto, a Letter hath been ſent from Sir *Arthur Haſlrigg*, and the reſt of the Parliaments Commiſſioners at *Portſmouth*, to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *London* deſiring them to contribute their aid and aſſiſtance, for reſtoring of the Parliament, and ſetling the ancient Rights, Charters, Liberties, and Fundamental priviledges of theſe Nations.

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In pursuance whereof, Vice-admiral *Lawson* hath also represented to his Lordship, the state of affairs with the Fleet, importing, That they were resolved (through the Lords assistance) to stand to their *Declaration*, and with the hazard of their Lives and Fortunes, to endeavour the Re-establishment of the Parliament, interrupted the 13th of *October*, 1659. to the Exercise of their Trust; Not doubting, but to find the assistance and concurrence both of them and others, in this Undertaking and Resolution: And in confidence of their Compliance herein, he assures them of all assistance for the advancement of the Trade, Freedom and Safety of the City in particular, and the Nation in general.

Hereupon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, assembled at Guild-Hall, *London*, on *Thursday* the Two and Twentieth of this instant *December*; where, after reading of the said Letters, a Committee of Safety was chose, who are forthwith to consider thereof, and to return an answer unto Vice-admiral *Lawson*: as also unto that which came from the Commissioners at *Portsmouth*.

The said Committee is also appointed to consider of setling the Militia of the City, to the end, that the peace and safety thereof may be inviolably preserved, and the Exorbitancies of all persons whatsoever (for the future) prevented. Which will be the onely means (under God) to prevent Confusions and Desolations, the sad Companions of Civil Discords, and to establish Peace and Truth throughout Her Confines.

Guild-Hall, London, Decemb. 23.

This day the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, resumed the debate of setling the Militia of the City, and resolved upon severall Officers of approved Trust and Fidelity, there being a singular choice, by free Election, of such Gentlemen, and persons of quality, as do, and with God's assistance will always adhere to their former principles and Declarations, in the use of all lawful means for the maintainance of the true Reformed Protestant Religion, the support of a setled lawful Magistracy,

gistracy, the preservation of a learned pious Ministry, the restoring of the ancient Fundamental Laws of the Nation, and the just Rights, Properties, and Liberties of the people. The names of the new Colonels chose for the Militia, are, Alderman *Robinson*, Ald. *Tomson*, Ald. *Bateman*, Col. *Gower*, and some others.

Since the Revolt of the Western Army, and the advance of Sir *Arthur* from *Portsmouth* towards *London*; Col. *Packers* Regiment of Horse, Col. *Okeys*, and Col. *Hewsons* Reg. of Foot, with the Lord *Fleetwood*, and the Lord *Lamberts* Regiments, & the rest of the Forces in the City, have also declared for the Parliament, who on Saturday last rendezvouzed in Lincolns Inne fields, where Col. *Okey* headed them, divers of their chief Officers dissenting: Col. *Allured* had the conduct of *Packers* Regiment of Horse; and upon their march down Chancery Lane, they yielded Obedience to the Speaker, owning the Authority of the Parliament of *England*. After which, the Right Honorable Mr. Speaker, accompanied by Sir *Anthony Ashley Cooper*, Mr. *Weaver*, and Mr. *Josias Bernard*, Esquires, Members of Parliament, went to the Tower, and demanded the Keyes of the Lieutenant, which accordingly was delivered; and having committed the Trust thereof to the aforesaid Gentlemen, till the further pleasure of the House be known He returned, giving the Souldiery a great sum of Moneys, who received him with great acclamations and anthems of Joy. Col. *Hewson* (we hear) hath made his Recantation, and taken his Farewel of the City: divers others are also fled; *A fair riddance.* Sir *Arthur* is expected this present Monday, and the Parliament will assemble at Westminster very suddainly.

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